

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A commercial check out station system comprising:
  - a) a cash register means;
  - b) a biometric reader means for reading and storing a biometric data read by said biometric reader means; and,
  - c) a comparator means associated with said cash register means for comparing said stored biometric data with a second biometric data read by said biometric reader means for identifying [a person] only those persons authorized to [use] have access to said cash register means.
2. (Original)
3. (Original)
4. (Original)
5. (Original)
6. (Original)
7. (Original)
8. (Original)
9. (Original)
10. (Original)
11. (New) A commercial check out station system comprising:
  - a) a cash register means;
  - b) means to automatically shut down said cash register means if said cash register is not used for a predetermined time interval;
  - c) means to limit checks cashed through said cash register means to employee payroll checks drafted by an employer/operator of said commercial check out station system;

- d) a biometric reader means for reading and storing a biometric data read by said biometric reader means; and,
- e) a comparator means associated with said cash register means for comparing said stored biometric data with a second biometric data read by said biometric reader means for identifying only those persons authorized to access said cash register means.